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Docket No. GC527C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

D. A. Estell et al.

Serial No.: 09/677,822

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: Proteins Producing an Altered  
Immunogenic Response and  
Methods of Making and  
Using the Same

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made.

Instructions to amend the specification, and replacement or added paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), and a clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A marked-up version of the Specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), as well as rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

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